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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2005 setting a one-month term for reply and requiring restriction to a single Group of claims, as well as an election of species. In response, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group III, and the species inflammatory diseases. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(1), an five-month extension of the term for reply, i.e., up to and including September 2, 2005, is hereby respectfully requested. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$2,160.00 in payment of the fee therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account 50-0320.